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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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APPLICANTS: Galen B. Fisher et al  
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FOR: Fast Light-Off Catalytic Reformer

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Dear Sir:

This is Applicants' response to the Final Office Action mailed July 16, 2004. This response summarizes the issues discussed during a telephone interview between the Examiner and the undersigned attorney on September 15, 2004, based on which the Examiner agreed that the rejection would likely be withdrawn.

The Office Action rejects claims 4 and 5 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as anticipated by Berger et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicants' claimed invention is directed to a power generating system employing a fast light-off reformer. Among other features, Applicants' pending claims specify a power-generating system that is "fueled at least partially by reformat provided by [the] fast light-off reformer". The Berger et al reference discloses a catalytic reformer for treating exhaust gas. Although the Berger et al